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CLAIM LISTING:

A listing of the entire set of pending claims 1-18 is submitted herewith per 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

1.   (Original) A method for generating metadata objects, said method comprising:

displaying a spreadsheet including metadata information therein; and

providing a command to trigger a conversion of the spreadsheet into a comma separated value file.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

converting the spreadsheet into the comma separated value file in response to an activation of the command; and

parsing the comma separated value file to thereby generate the metadata objects from the metadata information.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

inputting the metadata information into the spreadsheet in response to a reception of the metadata information.

4.   (Original) A method for generating metadata objects, said method comprising:

displaying a spreadsheet including metadata information and one or more metadata directives therein; and

providing a command to trigger a conversion of the spreadsheet into a comma separated value file.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising:

converting the spreadsheet into the comma separated value file in response to an activation of the command; and

parsing the comma separated value file in accordance with the one or more metadata directives to thereby generate the metadata objects from the metadata information.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising:

inputting the metadata information into the spreadsheet in response to a reception of the metadata information; and

inputting the one or more metadata directives into the spreadsheet in response to a reception of the one or more metadata directives.

7.   (Original) A computer for generating metadata objects, said computer comprising:

means for displaying a spreadsheet including metadata information therein; and

means for providing a command to trigger a conversion of the spreadsheet into a comma separated value file.

8.   (Original) The computer of claim 7, further comprising:

means for converting the spreadsheet into the comma separated value file in response to an activation of the command; and

means for parsing the comma separated value file to thereby generate the metadata objects from the metadata information.

9.   (Original) The computer of claim 7, further comprising:

means for inputting the metadata information into the spreadsheet in response to a reception of the metadata information.

10. (Original) A computer for generating metadata objects, said computer comprising:

means for displaying a spreadsheet including metadata information and one or more metadata directives therein; and

means for providing a command to trigger a conversion of the spreadsheet into a comma separated value file.

11. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 10, further comprising:

means for converting the spreadsheet into the comma separated value file in response to an activation of the command; and

means for parsing the comma separated value file in accordance with the one or more metadata directives to thereby generate the metadata objects from the metadata information.

12. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 10, further comprising:

means for inputting the metadata information into the spreadsheet in response to a reception of the metadata information; and

means for inputting the one or more metadata directives into the spreadsheet in response to a reception of the one or more metadata directives.

13. (Original) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for generating metadata objects, said computer program product comprising:

computer readable code for displaying a spreadsheet including metadata information therein; and

computer readable code for providing a command to trigger a conversion of the spreadsheet into a comma separated value file.

14. (Original) The computer program product of claim 13, further comprising:

computer readable code for converting the spreadsheet into the comma separated value file in response to an activation of the command; and

computer readable code for parsing the comma separated value file to thereby generate the metadata objects from the metadata information.

15. (Original) The computer program product of claim 13, further comprising:

computer readable code for inputting the metadata information into the spreadsheet in response to a reception of the metadata information.

16. (Original) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for generating metadata objects, said computer program product comprising:

computer readable code for displaying a spreadsheet including metadata information and one or more metadata directives therein; and

computer readable code for providing a command to trigger a conversion of the spreadsheet into a comma separated value file.

17. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 16, further comprising:

computer readable code for converting the spreadsheet into the comma separated value file in response to an activation of the command; and

computer readable code for parsing the comma separated value file in accordance with the one or more metadata directives to thereby generate the metadata objects from the metadata information.

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18.   (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 16, further
comprising:

computer readable code for inputting the metadata information into the spreadsheet in
response to a reception of the metadata information; and

computer readable code for inputting the one or more metadata directives into the
spreadsheet in response to a reception of the one or more metadata directives.